

AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN THE HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The Humboldt Universität, represented by its Vice President, Professor Michael W. Linscheid

The Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane, represented by its Director, Professor Aldo Schiavone.

The Central European University, represented by its President, Professor John Shattuck

Whereas the aforementioned institutions intend to

consolidate their collaboration in the field of advanced study and research;

promote the internationalization of their advanced study programmes;

set up and activate structures for permanent cooperation in the ambit of doctoral programmes in the human and social sciences, with a view to establishing a European doctoral school;

prepare students for teaching and research careers in a multilingual European environment;

Agree upon and stipulate the following:

Article 1

Establishment of the programme

The aforementioned educational bodies will jointly set up a European doctoral programme in the Human and Social Sciences.

The ultimate aim of this programme is to establish a European doctoral school.

Article 2

Members

The members of the programme are:

- the founding institutions;
- other European university institutions that are entitled to issue a research doctorate qualification in the human and social sciences, and that are unanimously admitted to the programme by the founding members.

Article 3

Objectives

The programme consists of doctoral courses devised and organized in joint agreement between the members, and as a whole is designed to represent the spectrum of the human and social sciences. The programme has no profit-making goal. Each doctoral course may include various research paths or curricula.

Article 4

Selection

A selection committee made up of representatives from all the programme members will select the students admitted to the doctoral courses.

Article 5

Enrolment

The selected students will make a primary enrolment in an institution of his or her choice from amongst those taking part in the programme.

This enrolment must comply with the administrative conditions defined by the laws in force in the state to which the institution concerned belongs.

The student will also make two secondary enrolments in two other participating institutions from two other states, in the ambit of the joint doctoral cotutelle agreements.

Article 6

Diploma

Upon completion of their period of study, a doctoral diploma will be issued to students who have complied with all the required conditions. The diploma will be signed in accordance with the regulations laid down in the joint doctoral supervision agreements. This diploma is a European certificate, and is part of the project to set up a European doctoral diploma. It is recognized in each country according to the criteria defined by the European University Association.

Article 7

Languages

The official languages of the programme are German, French, Italian and English.

One of the priorities of the programme is to provide students with a solid grounding in these four languages.

Article 8

Human and financial resources

The programme does not have its own resources.

Human resources are provided by the structures of the member institutions.

The setting up of each doctoral course or curriculum activates a clause of the present agreement, which specifies in detail how it is to be funded by the members.

Normally, the funds required to run the programme are to be divided equally between members. These will primarily consist of resources raised by the member institutions as a result of joint applications made to national or international bodies and institutions. Individual members may also contribute other resources they have raised for the programme.

Article 9

Governing bodies

The governing bodies of the programme are the: Board of Directors, the Council of Scholars and the Director.

The posts are non-stipendary, and the director and board members are not eligible for allowances or fees of any kind.

Article 10

Board of Directors

All the member institutions are represented on the Board of Directors by their presidents. If one of the presidents designates someone else to represent them, that person must be the same for all the board meetings.

The Board of Directors is to be convened at least once a year. It will deliberate on the balance of the previous year's activities and the programme for the following year.

The Board of Directors:

- appoints the Director, chosen on a rotating basis from amongst the presidents of the participating institutions;
- admits new members, in accordance with Article 2 of the present agreement;
- deliberates upon the setting up of new courses or curricula, after having heard the view of the Council of Scholars and taken account of the financial possibilities of the members;
- establishes the ways in which the staff and structures of the member institutions are to support the activities of the programme;
- deliberates upon the joint participation of the members in national and international funding programmes.

Article 11

Council of Scholars

Each member institution is represented on the Council of Scholars by five professors or similar figures.

The council:

- establishes the scientific and teaching aims of the programme;
- decides upon how the courses and curricula are to be organized, in particular with regard to the mobility of faculty and students, access to libraries, provisions for research and other structures of the member institutions;
- decides upon projects for new doctoral courses and curricula;
- chooses the members of the selection committee;
- makes decisions regarding initiatives to circulate scientific and teaching information relating to the programme activities.

Article 12

Director

The director runs the programme, convenes and chairs the Selection Committee, the Board of Directors and the Council of Scholars, and acts as guarantor for the implementation of their deliberations.

The director has the right to sit on the Selection Committee. If necessary, the director may Delegate his or her powers wholly or in part to other members of the Board of Directors.

The director's term of office is two years.

Article 13

Length of the programme

The designated length of the programme is four years. It is to be renewed by means of express declaration on the part of the competent authorities of the member institutions.

The latter may withdraw from the programme on 1 October of each year, after having observed a period of notice of six months, providing the commitments jointly undertaken with the other members permit it.

The Board of Directors can decide upon the termination of a programme with a two-thirds Majority of its members

Article 14

Final dispositions

The present agreement enters into force from the moment in which it is signed by all the members. It is regulated by international law.

The parties agree to resolve any controversies that may arise in the interpretation of the present agreement in an amicable fashion. If necessary, a board of arbitrators consisting of a representative of each of the member institutions will be appointed. The president of this board will be chosen from amongst the members of the same board.

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